

end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1964–65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1977–79 and H1993–94.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 6:16 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 333, it stands adjourned until noon tomorrow, April 21st, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Walter F. Mondale, former Vice President of the United States.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2022. The Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture was approved.

RURAL BROADBAND—EXAMINING INTERNET CONNECTIVITY NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rural Broadband—Examining Internet Connectivity Needs and Opportunities in Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from General Tod D. Wolters, Commander, U.S. European Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Deb Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and Rachael Taylor, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior.

BUILDING CAPACITY, BUILDING COMMUNITY: INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Building Capacity, Building Community: Increasing Investments in Community Colleges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Greater Middle East and Africa”. Testimony was heard from Amanda Dory, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; General Kenneth McKenzie, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and General Stephen Townsend, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments. Subcommittee assignments were approved.

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGE CONVERSIONS: EXAMINING WAYS TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PREVENT FRAUD

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “For-Profit College Conversions: Examining Ways to Improve Accountability and Prevent Fraud”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

GENERATING EQUITY: DEPLOYING A JUST AND CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Generating Equity: Deploying a Just and Clean Energy Future”. Testimony was heard from Louise Carter-King, Mayor, Gillette, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; A Resolution Establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence in the Committee on Financial Services; A Resolution Establishing the Task Force on Financial Technology in the Committee on Financial Services; H.R. 1087, the “Shareholder Political Transparency Act”; H.R. 1187, the “ESG Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 1277, the “Improving Corporate Governance Through Diversity Act”; H.R. 2123, the “Diversity and Inclusion Data Accountability and Transparency Act”; H.R. 2516, the “Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Banking Act”; H.R. 2543, the “Federal Reserve Racial and Economic Equity Act”; H.R. 2547, the “Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2553, the “Real Estate Valuation Fairness and Improvement Act of 2021”.

RESTORATION OF THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE: THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “Restoration of the Transatlantic Dialogue: The Global Fight Against Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2393, the “No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2021”; H.R. 704, the “Artistic Recognition for Talented Students Act”; and H.R. 2453, the “Driving for Opportunity Act of 2021”. H.R. 2393 and H.R. 2453 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 704 was ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING BACK BETTER: REDUCING POLLUTION AND CREATING JOBS THROUGH OFFSHORE WIND

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Reducing Pollution and Creating Jobs Through Offshore Wind”. Testimony was heard from Amanda Lefton, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

RESTORING INDEPENDENCE: REBUILDING THE FEDERAL OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Restoring Independence: Rebuilding the Federal Offices of Inspectors General”. Testimony was heard from Kathy A. Buller, Inspector General, Peace Corps, and Executive Chair, Legislation Committee, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation, and Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; Mia M. Forgy, Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

WASHINGTON, D.C. ADMISSION ACT; NO BAN ACT; ACCESS TO COUNSEL ACT OF 2021

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 51, the “Washington, D.C. Admission Act”; H.R. 1333, the “NO BAN Act”; and H.R. 1573, the “Access to Counsel Act of 2021”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 51, the “Washington, D.C. Admission Act”, H.R. 1573, the “Access to Counsel Act of 2021”, and H.R. 1333, the “NO BAN Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 51, the “Washington, D.C. Admission Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1573, the “Access to Counsel Act of 2021”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R.

1333, the “NO BAN Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 316 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended: in section 11, by striking “April 22, 2021” and inserting “May 20, 2021”; in section 16, by striking “calendar day of April 22, 2021” and inserting “legislative day of May 20, 2021”; and in section 17, by striking “April 22, 2021” and inserting “May 20, 2021”. The rule provides that at any time through the legislative day of Thursday, April 22, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of April 19 or 20, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed. The Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion, and the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated. The rule provides that House Concurrent Resolution 30 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that for purposes of the joint session to receive the President of the United States on April 28, 2021, former Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners shall not be admitted to the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren, and Representatives Norton, Comer, McClintock, Griffith, and Sessions.

UPDATE ON SBA'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Update on SBA’s Pandemic Response Programs”. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, U.S. Small Business Administration.

MAKING THE CASE FOR CLIMATE ACTION: CREATING NEW JOBS AND CATALYZING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Making the Case for Climate Action: Creating New Jobs and Catalyzing Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Capitol Police, Architect of the Capitol, and Senate Sergeant at Arms, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine science and technology, technology maturation, and technology transition activities, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the current and future cyber workforce of the Department of Defense and the military services, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lina M. Khan, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Leslie B. Kiernan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine America’s safe return to air travel, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 413, to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, S. 814, to promote security partnership with Ukraine, and an original bill entitled, “Strategic Competition Act of 2021”, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy on Yemen, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, Cynthia Minette Marten, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of Education, and other pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine improving access